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November 28, 1977

Dear Gloria:

I really appreciated the time and trouble you and the other staff members at the USUN took to arrange the luncheon on November 16th. I am well acquainted with the effort which goes into planning such an event, especially on short notice, and you certainly spared neither.

My sincere thanks, and I hope to see you soon.

With best regards,

Patricia M. Derian
Assistant Secretary for
Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs

Mrs. Gloria Gaston-Shapiro,
c/o United States Mission to
the United Nations,
New York City.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ACTION MEMORANDUM

S/S

November 28, 1977

TO: The Secretary

FROM: HA - Patricia M. Derian *P*

Petitions on behalf of the Nureyev Family

Marshall Shulman concurs in this recommendation.

On Thursday, November 10, Vincent Price and a small delegation of noted artists and critics presented hundreds of petitions to me with over 100,000 signatures on behalf of the Nureyev family, who have been repeatedly denied permission by Soviet authorities to visit Rudolf Nureyev.

Copies of these petitions were presented simultaneously in Washington, at the United Nations in New York (to Allard Lowenstein), and to the British Foreign Office in London.

The family members involved are Nureyev's mother, sister and niece. Nureyev has not seen them for over 16 years. It was only in the Spring of 1977 that he first discussed this matter publicly, after a decision that public silence on the matter would not have any impact on the attitudes of Soviet authorities.

Mrs. Clive Barnes, who accompanied Mr. Price, has noted that her husband, who is in continual contact with Soviet cultural figures, will seek to maintain the international dialog by artists in the United States on behalf of the Nureyev family. For my part, I informed my visitors that I would take up the case with Justice Goldberg during his Washington consultations. I have done this.

I also agreed to their request that the petitions

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be passed to the White House for the President's attention. In a letter to Mr. Price dated today, I have noted that this is to be done.

Recommendation:

That the attached Tarnoff-Brzezinski memorandum (with petitions) be sent to the White House, with an information copy of my letter to Mr. Price.

Attachment:

As stated.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Petitions on Behalf of Rudolf Nureyev's
Family

On Thursday, November 10, 1977, a delegation of American artists headed by Vincent Price visited Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Patricia M. Derian. Their purpose was to present to the Carter Administration hundreds of petitions, with over 100,000 American and foreign signatures, calling upon Soviet authorities to allow Mr. Nureyev's mother, sister and niece to visit him in the West. Copies of the petitions were presented simultaneously at the United Nations and the British Foreign Office.

Mr. Nureyev has not seen his family for over 16 years. In vain hope that remaining "non-political" might encourage Soviet authorities towards a favorable decision on his family's repeated applications for a temporary visit abroad, Nureyev had chosen not to speak publicly about the plight of his relatives during most of this time. However, in the spring of this year, he broke this silence with an appearance before the CSCE Commission, where he confirmed that his only wish is to be able to see his family. Since Soviet authorities consider his 1957 departure from the Soviet Union to be illegal, Nureyev cannot travel back to his homeland without incurring grave risk of prosecution.

The Department is forwarding the attached petitions for the President's attention, together with an information copy of a subsequent letter from Mrs. Derian to Mr. Price which commends efforts on behalf of the Nureyev family.

Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

As stated



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

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November 28, 1977

Dear Mr. Price:

As I promised at our meeting on November 10, the impressive petitions which you and your colleagues have gathered on behalf of Rudolf Nureyev and his family have been forwarded to the White House to be brought to the attention of the President.

The case of the Nureyev family is not hopeless. There is always the possibility that Nureyev's decision to avoid activities which Soviet authorities might consider provocative might eventually influence them to act positively on behalf of his family's wishes to visit him.

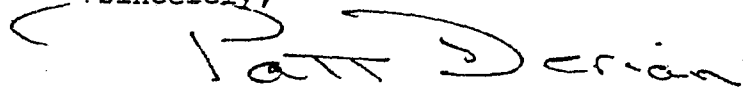
Nevertheless, I have assured that our Embassy in Moscow will continue to raise the Nureyev case with the proper Soviet authorities, in the hope that they might allow the Nureyevs to travel. As you know, this Administration has particular concern for the hardships suffered by divided families, such as the Nureyevs, a subject we raise continually with Soviet officials at all levels here in Washington, in Moscow, and at the Belgrade Conference.

Mr. Vincent Price,
c/o Ms. Lynne Perry,
420 E. 72nd Street,
New York, New York 10021

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Your interest and commitment to help people such as the Nureyevs are legitimate, meaningful reflections of the shared desire felt by all Americans to encourage greater respect for individual rights by all governments. I commend you for these efforts and hope that you continue them. You have my promise that the American government will do its part, as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patricia M. Derian". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patricia M. Derian
Assistant Secretary for
Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Nov. 17, 1977

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In recommending this be done, I see great utility in the Administration's pointing to the President's personal

acknowledgment that these petitions were received by his Administration. This would emphasize that private citizen action on behalf of persons denied their fundamental rights is a legitimate, important part of the shared commitment by all Americans to furthering human rights.

Recommendation:

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The Department is forwarding the attached petitions for the President's attention, which Mr. Price and his delegation asked of Mrs. Derian. The Department suggests that a suitable public acknowledgment be made by the President or his Press Secretary. Such a

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statement would indicate that this Administration, aware of the petitioners' concerns, considers such advocacy by private citizens as a legitimate and useful part of the shared commitment of all Americans to encourage greater respect for human rights on the part of all governments.

A suggested reply to Mr. Price is attached, should the President choose to reply directly to him. The draft could serve, as well, as the basis for a reply by the Vice President or you should the President not wish to reply himself.

Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Price:

Patt Derian has provided me an account of your meeting with her on November 10, together with the impressive petitions which you and your colleagues have gathered on behalf of Rudolf Nureyev and his family.

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